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- 25X1 1. The only army unit in Sieradz is an infantry battalion of unknown destination. Its headquarters are in barracks located in the outskirts of the town on the main road leading to Lodz. The only known ammunition and gasoline dumps are located within the barracks compound.
- 25X1 2. Sieradz does not have any airfields or large army training grounds.
3. There are two military schools in the town:
- a) Officers' Signal School (Szkoła Oficerska Łączności): It consists of three companies. There are a number of foreign officers stationed here, predominantly Czechs and Russians.
- b) Special Higher Officers' School (Wyższa Szkoła Oficerska Specjalna): About 60 students attend; their ranks range from junior lieutenant to captain. The nominal head of the school is a Polish colonel, (fmu) Józefowski; the actual commandant, however, is a Soviet officer who wears a Russian Army uniform. The instructors are almost exclusively Russian. Students are trained in the use of short-wave sets, intercept sets, codes and ciphers. An indication of the importance placed by the Ministry of National Defense (U.) upon the school is the fact that the Marshal of Poland visits it for any ceremony such as promotions, graduations, etc.
4. There is no regular army unit stationed in or near Sieradz. Likewise there are no V3 units or any heavy industrial plants.
5. A forced labor camp is located out of the town on the main road between Lodz and Kościan. The camp is able to accommodate up to 3,000 persons; at present there are 1,500 inmates. The prisoners are engaged in tailor work; the camp is reported to be the largest tailor-labor camp in Poland.
6. The town contains no restricted areas. The county M1 office (PMW) is located at Ulica 15-lecia Wielkiej. Local Communist Party headquarters is at Ulica Ogrodowa.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. The intercept sets are the Soviet-made Yusa type.

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